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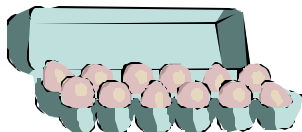
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. Market tone was about steady in most locations. Demand was mostly light to fair and better where limited feature activity was in progress. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate from regular sources. Demand was light. Light type fowl satisfied current slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on extra large, unchanged to 4 cents lower on large, and unchanged for mediums when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady at current price levels. Demand was light to fair and slightly better where scattered features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were more than sufficient from regular sources for the light demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for processing needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady at current values. Demand was light to fair with limited feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment barely steady to weak, lighter weights steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to fairly good, best for limited features that are a factor. Supplies of smaller sizes generally adequate, larger sizes available.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 5 cents lower for the larger sizes and were unchanged for medium and small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was mixed, slow to at times good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet for the adequate offerings. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments. Floor stocks were generally fully adequate. Schedules were full-time or better. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

SOUTHERN Extra large and large sizes were lower compared to last week. The balance was unchanged. The market tone was about steady at current levels. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were at least adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 8 was 66.04 cents, 4.63 cents less than the week before and 5.22 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were more than sufficient from regular sources and demand was usually light. Light type fowl satisfied processing needs.

WESTERN Prices 4 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium and small throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last week with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand fairly good with feature activity widespread. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	93-95	88-90	62-64
New York	66-68	63-66	52-55
Philadelphia	64-67	62-65	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	55-66	53-55	43-44
Jackson (1)	66-67	62-63	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-76	60-74	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	53-58	52-57	44-49
Detroit (2)	50-53	49-52	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51-57.5	50-56	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	54-61	52-59	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	69-72	66-69	55-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	92	82	76

- (1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last week. Retailer demand fairly good, best where features in progress and planned. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-99, buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	82
MEDIUM	76
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	169-209	LARGE	187-229
MEDIUM	159-199	MEDIUM	145-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 15, 2000 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 08, 2000 were 225,815 cases which was 13 percent below the prior week and 14 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	194,095	31,720	225,815

% change from the prior week..... -13 -9 -13
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet with offerings adequate for needs as regular commitments satisfy most breakers. Floor stocks generally fully adequate. Schedules were full-time or better. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34.5-37	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 3-9.5 CENTS/LB.	5-7		6.50

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for offerings that were fully sufficient for trade requirements. Supplies of finished product were clearing but reported as fully adequate for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-SEP-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1-9.75	2-6	4.71
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sep 11,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.1	11.4	5.8	12.9	8.5	48.7
	Change	0.8	-2.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.5	44.8	11.7	29.3	20.5	123.8
	Change	-3.4	-2.1	-0.4	-4.0	-2.3	-9%
Large	Curr Wk	29.5	85.2	45.3	75.4	85.6	321.0
	Change	-0.6	-14.2	-9.8	-6.9	-3.0	-10%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.5	34.5	14.9	23.3	23.7	106.9
	Change	2.1	-0.6	3.2	0.5	4.3	10%
Small	Curr Wk	6.4	7.2	4.1	7.1	4.2	29.0
	Change	1.3	0.6	1.0	-2.0	-2.6	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	19.6	5.8	10.1	4.7	44.1
	Change	-0.4	1.0	0.4	-4.0	-1.1	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.6	53.4	22.0	27.4	35.9	160.3
	Change	1.6	7.3	6.4	-1.6	-4.1	6%
Total	Curr Wk	99.5	256.1	109.6	185.5	183.1	833.8
Percent	Change	1%	-4%	1%	-9%	-5%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	833.8	-4%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	435.9	2%	39

Total Shell Egg 1269.7 -2% 211
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 28, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	134	134	124	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 08, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							16.75			FUTURE LOADS				5.50			TOTAL LOADS				22.25		
SE			NE			MW		LOADS		SC			NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 2	36.00	—	—	39.00	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	51.00	53.00	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	46.00	—	—	—	48.00	2.00								
GL W XL	34.00	45.00	—	—	39.00	—	2.50	GL W LG	35.00	45.50	—	—	45.00	48.70	10.50								
GL W LG	—	44.00	—	—	40.74	—	9.25	GL W MD	35.00	—	—	—	—	40.00	.50								
GL W MD	—	—	35.50	37.50	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	17.50	—	1.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/04/00-09/08/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS			TOTAL LOADS						
89.75								51.00			140.75						
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	—	—	43.25	44.50	—	—	17.75	GNR W 1	—	41.43	—	—	—	—	9.75		
GNR W 2	35.83	—	36.00	38.50	33.50	37.00	9.00	GNR W 3	—	42.00	—	38.50	—	—	5.25		
GNR W 3	—	—	29.25	30.50	29.50	—	7.25	GNR BR 1	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	50.67	52.50	—	—	5.00	GL W XL	38.50	46.00	—	—	—	49.17	10.00		
GL W XL	36.77	43.35	—	48.00	40.93	39.50	18.00	GL W LG	37.80	44.75	—	—	45.00	48.87	22.50		
GL W LG	—	43.50	33.00	44.00	39.91	48.00	22.50	GL W MD	34.33	—	—	—	—	41.25	2.00		
GL W MD	—	—	33.63	35.45	30.50	34.33	12.50	GL W SM	20.00	22.25	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL W SM	19.25	22.50	20.50	22.00	18.00	19.00	3.25										
NRBS - 50	—	—	29.14	30.71	—	38.50	4.75										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.00	35.13	17.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	26.50	28.00	—	35.00	2.25										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	22.00	5.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	17.50	—	1.00										

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/27/00 - 09/02/00

Origin	AR	CA	CO	FL	IA	MN	MO	NV	OH	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	8	0	0	2,210	0	0	0	0	1130	0	1,042	4,390
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	850	0	0	0	576	0	0	1,426
S. CA	800	1,264	3,182	950	13,237	3,270	1,582	300	4,130	0	8,669	0	37,384
TOTAL STATE	800	1,272	3,182	950	15,447	4,120	1,582	300	4,130	1,706	8,669	1,042	43,200

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	74-77	69-72	43-46	15-18

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
58-61	49-55	47-52	38-43	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-34	24-26	10-12

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78.10	76.17	58.51	43.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	9/4/00	8/28/00	9/7/99
PACIFIC COAST	537	557	255
LOS ANGELES	464	480	253

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 8/27/00-9/2/00
30-dozen cases 5,073

Receipts from the mainland: 8/20/00-8/26/00
30-dozen cases 4,999

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